(b) the percentage of Muslims out of the total Muslim population who are living below the poverty line at present, State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) Planning Commission estimates incidence of poverty at the National and State level using the quinquennial survey data on household consumption expenditure released by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO). The latest estimates of poverty are based on the quinquennial survey held in 1987-88. As such, the State-wise details of people living below poverty line in the country as on 31st March, 1994 are not available.

(b) Estimates of poverty by Religious Groups are not made.

DELAYED PUBLIC SECTOR PROJECT

5359. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY :
SHRI SOM PAL :

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal under consideration of Government to drop a number of public sector projects which have been delayed for more than five years; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof including the names of such projects and reasons for shelving them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) No, Sir. The Department of Programme Implementation has not proposed or recommended to drop projects which have been delayed for more than five years.

(b) The question does not arise.

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5360. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention have been drawn to the Annual Report of Asian Development Outlook 1994 submitted by the Asian Development Bank, as reported in the Economic Times of April 14, 1994 ;

(b) what are the details of recommendations relating to anti-poverty programmes which increase employment and productivity of the poor ;

(c) what steps Government have so far taken for the implementation of anti-poverty programmes in the country and

(d) what is the extent of Central assistance given to each State for the implementation of these programmes during each of the last 3 years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) and (b) The news item entitled India to gain little from GATT-ADB which appeared in the Economic Times of April 14, 1994 has reported that the Asian Development Outlook 1994 which is the Annual Report of the ADB has recommended the adoption of anti-poverty programmes that increase employment and productivity of the poor. No details are contained regarding this in the news paper item.